

Training Topic Group Conference Call April 21, 1999

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STATUS OF TRAINING MODULES

Copies of the final draft TEPP base training modules were distributed to approximately 85 individuals on March 19. To date, 21 responses have been received; 8 of those were signed confirmation letters. The remaining 13 responses included 385 comments, of which 241 comments were submitted by DOE-HQ. Tom Clawson, Eastern Idaho Technical College, is reviewing the comments and incorporating them into the training modules as appropriate. Chief Bill Ruting, LaGrange Fire Department, has reviewed and incorporated comments for the Incident Commander modules as appropriate. Jeff Everitt, Vista subcontractor, has completed module block descriptions; work is continuing on developing block final examinations, instructor guides, and viewgraphs. A very attractive colored, 3-D graphical layout has been drafted for the module cover.

We are still looking for any graphics, pictures, and photos of shipping containers, accident scenes, etc., that could be used in the modules. Anyone that has access to any graphics such as these please forward to Deena LaRue. The preferred formats of the files are: tiff, gif, or bmp (in this order).

A significant effort was focused on Modules 1-6 during the past few weeks in order to have them finished for the awareness level training that will be conducted in South Carolina this week.

The training modules are scheduled to be finalized by June 15 in order to have them ready for TEC/WG approval in July.

Notification was received that the training modules were very useful in responding to an accident in the Chicago area last week. Some medical isotope containers were damaged and one of the responders happened to have a copy of the draft training modules and was able to find information on labeling as to the degree of the hazards present. Also noted during this accident, was the concerns noted by the hospital staff. Even though the hospital staff had been informed by the on-scene Incident Commander that the containers posed no problems, they insisted someone travel to the hospital with instrumentation and conduct a survey. The reluctance on the part of the hospital staff to continue their activities, even after being reassured there was no danger, illustrates the fear the public still has regarding radiation.

The radiological response guidebook that has been assembled by Bill Ruting is in a third draft and is about 70% complete. It now parallels the training modules in terms of both flow and content so there are no discrepancies between the guidebook and modules. Some of the checklists that have been suggested in the draft module comments can be included in this guidebook.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Tom Clawson will be conducting awareness level training to approximately 40 first responders in Saluda, South Carolina on April 22. This training is in support to a multi-county transportation exercise that will be conducted on May 13 in South Carolina.

The special Training Topic Group meeting will be held in Denver on May 19-20. Instructions regarding travel and hotel arrangements were forwarded to all Training Topic Group members on March 18. Everyone who is planning to attend this meeting should have travel and hotel reservations already made. The meeting agenda was forwarded to members on April 20.

There will be a preliminary meeting with the Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee in Crown Point, Indiana on April 23 to discuss the possibility of conducting a transportation exercise in Lake County. Jim Price and Ella McNeil will be attending this meeting.

Timeframe for this exercise is targeted for late September or early October. The training modules will be used for training in preparation for this exercise.

MISCELLANEOUS

We would like to welcome a new member, Larry Grove, to the Training Topic Group. Larry has replaced Tom Smith from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. We would also like to thank Tom for all his support he has provided to the Topic Group.

ACTION ITEMS

None

SUMMARY

Next conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 12:00 p.m. PDST. There will not be a May conference call due to the special Topic Group meeting in Denver.